

Minutes of Special and Regular Meeting of September 10, 2019

SPECIAL MEETING

CLOSED SESSION [Third Floor Conference Room] Conference Regarding Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: City Manager

Consideration of options to Fill City Council Vacancy (Continued to Regular Meeting)

Attended by: Mates, Lieberman, Stone, Hurt

Recess at this time, being 6:50 P.M., the item regarding the City Council Vacancy was continued.

Terri Cook
City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mates, Lieberman, Stone, Hurt

Councilmembers Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Hurt

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Rennie stated there were no reportable actions from the Closed Session held earlier. Special meeting item to be continued to end of regular meeting. He explained why the item related to the City Council vacancy was placed on the special meeting agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Acknowledgement of National Night Out Events

Officer King made a presentation of the recent National Night Out Events held in Belmont.

National Emergency Preparedness Month Proclamation

Officer Perrault spoke regarding emergency preparedness seminar described upcoming classes, including CPR, as well as the Countywide Disaster Preparedness Day. He also described the upcoming fire station open house. He explained the smoke detector installation application information.

Mayor Hurt presented the proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Kathleen Beasley, Belmont Library Manager, stated that September is library card signup month, and she described upcoming programs.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Lieberman welcomed the new business Mangos A-go-go. He described the Peninsula Wildfire Safety Summit and outlined events commemorating 9/11.

Councilmember Stone announced the upcoming Battle of the Badges softball game.

Councilmember Mates noted the upcoming Coastal Cleanup Day.

ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

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Resolution 2019-082 accepting dedication of the sanitary sewer easement at 50 Notre Dame Place (APN 043-181-530) and 60 Notre Dame Place (APN 044-181-540)

Resolution 2019-083 declaring the City's intention to reimburse expenditures from the proceeds of certain obligations and directing certain matters prior to the issuance of debt

Resolution 2019-084 accepting a restrictive covenant and open space management plan associated with the subject properties (APNs 043-111-160 and 043-072-450)

Resolution, 2019-085 approving winter Holiday Closures from December 25, 2019 through January 1, 2020; from December 25, 2020 through January 1, 2021; and from December 24, 2021 through December 31, 2021, inclusive.

Resolution 2018-086 authorizing the City Attorney to procure legal services from Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, for bond counsel, disclosure counsel and other legal assistance related to anticipate 2019 sewer revenue bonds

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Stone, seconded by Councilmember Lieberman, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Economic Development Implementation Strategy and FY 2020 Action Plan

Management Analyst Rose reviewed components of the City of Belmont's vision statement. She pointed out that economic development is one of the City Council's top priorities. She reviewed the efforts of RSG consultants over past year in the area of economic development.

Jim Simon, RSG Consultants, outlined the framework for an economic development implementation strategy, including policy, funding, and marketing. He described the proposed action plan that includes community engagement, pursuit of infill redevelopment opportunities, employment of an economic development manager, increased web presence, creation of advisory committee, developing strategies for business retention, and the creation of incentives for

community benefits for private redevelopment projects.

Management Analyst Rose highlighted the efforts already underway including minimum wage increases, an affordable housing program, placemaking, wayfinding, signage and branding.

Councilmember Lieberman outlined the economic subcommittee's discussion and recommendation. He pointed out the ambitious aspirations of the committee and noted the strong focus of the City of Belmont on economic development.

In response to Mayor Hurt, Management Analyst Rose stated that schools can be included in the outreach program. She noted there has not been much discussion regarding vacant properties. Consultant Simon noted that properties are included in the strategy.

Councilmember Mates stated that the adoption of the Belmont Village Specific Plan was a catalyst for moving forward with economic development, and that what is being recommended is a good strategy. She supports having inclusive discussions with businesses, education, and residents to prioritize needs and desires. She also supports the pursuit of grant funding opportunities.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that many of the proposed strategies will take much effort and he supports the identification of an economic development manager.

Councilmember Stone stated that the proposal will help develop a downtown that Belmont desires and needs. He expressed the need to continue to support the Chamber of Commerce. He pointed out that it is important to continue to help existing businesses.

Mayor Hurt stated that it is important to bring in an economic development manager with previous experience who can focus solely on implementing this plan. She noted that her first impression is that the strategy is basic, and she expressed the need to think outside the box. She pointed out that Belmont is unique, and there is a need for smart investment and messaging. She highlighted the placemaking efforts that have been accomplished.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Stone, seconded by Councilmember Mates, **Resolution 2019-087** approving an Economic Development Implementation Strategy and FY20 Action Plan was unanimously approved.

Recess 8:15 P.M.

Reconvene Special Meeting to consider:

Options for Filling City Council Vacancy

Councilmember Stone expressed his preference in pursuing an appointment. He noted that the cost for a March election is likely to be prohibitive.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that his guideline is two years remaining in a term to consider

an election. He expressed support for an appointment.

Councilmember Mates concurred, and noted that the cost is not the best use of resources for such a short period of time.

City Attorney Rennie stated that staff can return to the City Council at the next meeting with details regarding options for appointment.

ADJOURNMENT of the Special Meeting, at this time, being 8:30 P.M.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSIGNMENT UPDATES, AND STAFF ITEMS

Verbal report from Councilmembers on Intergovernmental (IGR) and Subcommittee Assignments

Councilmember Lieberman reported on a recent Silicon Valley Clean Water agency meeting.

Councilmember Stone reported on a recent Sam Trans meeting regarding the new express bus to downtown San Francisco.

Verbal report from City Manager

Acting City Manager Fil reported that local firefighters have been deployed to fires across the state. He noted the upcoming disaster preparedness class, and the City has a tree giveaway program.

Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate for League of California Cities Annual Conference and Discussion Regarding Resolutions to be Considered at the Conference

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Lieberman, seconded by Councilmember Stone, and unanimously approved to appoint Mayor Hurt as the delegate and Councilmember Mates as the alternate for the upcoming League of California Cities annual conference.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 8:40 p.m., in memory of those lost on 9/11. Mayor Hurt noted that September is Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month.

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City Clerk